

Committee on Government Reform

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William Bulger to Testify at Government Reform Committee Hearing

Public Questioning Marks Next Step in Committee's Investigation of FBI Informants

What: Government Reform Committee Hearing to Receive Testimony from University of Massachusetts President and former Massachusetts State Senate President William Bulger

When: Thursday, June 19, 2003, 9:30a.m.

Where: Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building

Background:

During the 107th Congress, the Committee conducted an investigation of the use of informants by the Department of Justice. The Committee held a number of hearings and conducted hundreds of interviews.

The next step of the Committee's investigation will be to receive testimony from William Bulger. The Committee would like to receive information pertaining to Mr. Bulger's interaction with federal law enforcement officials, the effect of the FBI's misuse of informants on public confidence in state government, and his knowledge of law enforcement's efforts to apprehend his fugitive brother, James "Whitey" Bulger.

To obtain William Bulger's full cooperation, the Committee conferred immunity on him in April 2003. When William Bulger appeared before the Committee on December 6, 2002, he asserted his rights under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

All TV and Radio media must be credentialed by the House Radio/TV Gallery (202-225-5214) prior to the hearing. If you any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Marin or Scott Kopple at (202) 225-5074.

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